



Life Lines

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MY LINES

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Please Don't Bother ME

By Chris Moss, Dover, AR
Continued From Last Week

What is the ideal Christian? To me it is obvious that this person could never regard a "Please don't bother me" congregation as being ideal.

I would also like us to consider two more well-known verses.

Jesus gave the first in an introduction to a sermon. It is one of the beatitudes found in Matthew 5:3-11. The beatitudes describe the righteous person. Jesus' description was quite different than that of the common description given in the Jewish religion of His day.

One characteristic of a righteous person was this: "**Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.**" (Matthew 5:6)

What does this verse tell us?

The righteous person has an appetite for righteousness.

He is like a person who is starving, or a person who is parched.

Jesus' promise is simple – the person who hungers for righteousness will be satisfied.

From this verse we can see that God does not force-feed anyone. The decision to eat or not eat belongs to each one of us. The person who cultivates an appetite for righteousness will have it satisfied.

We each develop the willingness for Him to feed us. We meditate on His teachings.

The second verse is a statement made by Paul shortly before his execution.

Let us consider Paul's statement in - II Timothy 2:15:

- King James translation: "**Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.**"
- New American Standard translation: "**Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.**"
- New International translation: "**Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.**"
- Jerusalem Bible translation: "**Do all you can to present yourself in front of God as a man who has come through his trials, and a man who has no cause to be ashamed of his life's work, and has kept a straight course with the message of truth.**"
- Today's English translation: "**Do your best to win full approval in God's sight, as a worker who is not ashamed of his work, one who correctly teaches the message of God's truth.**"

Carefully note the key emphasis in Paul's statement.

First, receiving God's approval is a serious commitment in our lives. It is not, "if it happens, it happens; if it doesn't, it doesn't." It is not an accident, the accident of being with the right people at the right time.

It does not happen without our involvement and interest.

Gaining God's approval was to be so important to Timothy that he committed himself without reservation of gaining that approval.

Second, we will settle for nothing less than God's approval. The objective is not our fellow Christian's approval. The objective is not the church approval. The objective is not the approval of the "who's who" in the church. The objective is standing and living in God's approval.

Third, we seek to obtain God's approval by doing two things: we serve God's purposes in such a manner that we have no reason to be ashamed of our work.

Our work makes us unashamed. Our work does not shame us because we handle God's message of truth carefully and accurately.

We do not force God's teachings to say what we want them to say. We are devoted to understanding the message, and we live by God's emphasis, not by human emphasis.

Prayer: *God stimulate our appetite for righteousness. Increase our hunger to understand His message. Help us handle His truth properly so that we understand God and Jesus properly.*

In my introduction, I asked you the wrong question. The question is not "What is your concept of the ideal Christian?" The question is, "What is God's concept of the ideal Christian?"

God's concept begins with people who hunger and thirst for righteousness.

Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

God had rejected Saul as King of Israel. Samuel was asked to go to Bethlehem to anoint a new king. Samuel was fearful of Saul. But God urged him on.

Seven of Jesse's sons passed by Samuel. None of these were to be the new king. Samuel was puzzled. These were all fine sons. Anyone of them could be the new king. But there was one more young son. I'm sure as the young David passed by, Samuel was even more puzzled.

The Lord said to Samuel, *"Do not look at the appearance or at his physical stature, because I have refused him.*

For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." (I Samuel 16:7) God reminded Samuel that He doesn't pay attention to the outward appearance, but to the inner character. Samuel anointed David, and he was to become Israel's greatest king.

This story was in Home Touch, March 2005:

An auto technician tells the story of one of his early experiences as a mechanic. His first assignment as a trainee in an auto-body shop was a car needing a new fender and some door repairs. He spent hours doing a perfect job, but when the owner came to pick it up, he wasn't pleased.

"What's wrong?" He asked.

"Pointing to the side of the car, the owner complained about the paint not matching, uneven gaps between panels and a host of other problems. He demanded an explanation.

"The repairs were to the other side," said the trainee.

"When we're quick to criticize, the problem may be that we're looking at the wrong side of the situation. And we may not be looking at the person standing before us. God sees the thoughts and intentions of the heart. What do we see?"

"THOUGHT: Many of the suspicions we have of others are formed in the knowledge we have of ourselves."

Remember Our Sick

Lawrence Boley – heart test results good, he is to see an eye specialist. He is losing his sight.

Lois Boley – is receiving Gel treatments for her knee.

Dennis Boyd – Donna Walters' friend, spinal cord stroke.

Randy Holland – fighting cancer.

Gigi Lane has been diagnosed with cancer.

Janetta Mason – age 32, Amanda Best-erfeldt's co-worker. Diagnosed with colon cancer, had surgery but will have to start chemo in 4-6 weeks (has spread to the lymph nodes).

Kaitlyn Schwartz – 3 month old daughter of Stephen Schwartz (formerly of Dover, now resides in Minnesota) diagnosed with a rare, malignant, Rhabdoid tumor. She is receiving chemo treatments and it shows the tumor is shrinking. Please continue to keep her in your prayers. She is the granddaughter of Sonja Brent, Russellville, AR.

Shut-ins: Needs your prayers and visits. Dover Area:

Evelyn Burton

Louise Killer

Mae Vanzandt

Russellville Nursing and Rehab Center:

Thelma Hatcher

Esther Sparks

Others Who Need Our Prayers:

Ruby Boley, Susie Boley, Donna Brewer, Bernice Brown, Jamie Churchill, Jason Coulter, Jeff Davis, Wanda Dickerson, Bennie Drewry, Ronda Fields, Kevin Gibson, Brian Holloway, Thula LaRue, Bob and Rose Lee, Bill and Mary McAlister, Jerry Martin, Debbie Meyer, John and Jannie Myers, Joe Miller, Nolan Passmore, Teresa Phillips, Tanya Smith, Harold and Mildred Turner, and Betty and David Walters.

Expectant Mothers: Kristen Loper Nordin, Shelley (Parker) Culwell.

Special Children: (Birth Defects) – Emmy May, Zachary Shelton, Gabriel Ross Finlayson, Keith Martin and Noah Williams.

Military: Jon Allen, Greg Davis, Randall Nixon and Cole Wetzell.

The SEARCH Light Programs

All Programs Are New for
September 2005

September 11th

The church Is The Kingdom

It is the common belief in the 21st Century Christianity that Christ came to establish a kingdom but was foiled in His plan by the Jews who crucified Him; and that He established the church instead; and will establish His kingdom when He comes again. But is that what the Bible teaches?

September 18th

Be Reconciled To God

Man is created in the image of God, and because of that, he is called "the offspring of God." (Acts 17:28) But when sin enters a person's life, man is separated from the Creator/Father. If he is to live with God in the here and now and in the hereafter, he must be reconciled with God. How can that be?

September 25th

For Conscience Sake

Conscience is the awareness of being responsible for one's own intentions or conduct whether "good" or "bad." It was once thought to be a desirable quality of character, but is rapidly becoming more frowned upon. One who is conscientious is often considered a "radical" or "extremist." What does the Bible say?

*Topics subject to
change without notice.*

See page 3 for time and channel to hear these messages.

The special collection for the India Relief Program, Sunday, August 28th, netted \$1,078.00.

Events

“In Search of the Lord’s Way”

Now 24/7

The Search Program can be accessed at any time on its website:

www.searchtv.org

Mack Lyon’s weekly lessons can be seen and heard any time in this area on KATV, Channel 4 on Sundays at 8:00 AM.

West Side Ladies’

“WINGS”

September 8th

Thru
November 17th

9:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Theme: Fragrance of Faith

Discover the Aroma of Christ in the Beatitudes

Child Care Provided

Mark Your Calendars

Youth Devo
Dover Church of Christ
September 11th
Following Sunday evening service
Doug & Ashley Wilson’s

Lawn Care

September 16th

John Myers
Troy Curtis

Men’s Regular Business Meeting

September 12, 7:00 PM

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Ladies Night

September 15, 7:00 PM

Hostess: Carolyn Bennett

Children’s Church

Dover Church of Christ
Starting October 2nd
Ages 2 to 5
Volunteers needed
Contact: Chris or Julie Moss
479-331-9707

September Birthdays

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| 02 | Rhonda Creel |
| 04 | Tim Bushea |
| 05 | Leota Hickey |
| 06 | Deidre Luker |
| 07 | Ian Roberts |
| 09 | Joyce Helton Thelma Hatcher |
| 16 | Susan Straight |
| 17 | Kylee Bushea Danielle Williams Melissa Weinberg |
| 20 | Jannie Myers |
| 21 | Dimitrios Tsigouras Michaela Walker |
| 22 | Nathan Killer |
| 24 | Wayne Strickland Alan Walker Gary Williams |
| 28 | Donna Walters |
| 29 | Larry McGuire |
| 30 | Jennifer Bushea |

If we missed your birthday, *please* let us know so it won’t happen again.

Our Food Barrel needs items again!!

Singles’ Breakfast
Every Saturday
9:00 AM
Dewayne’s
Dover, AR

THOSE TO SERVE

September 11, 2005

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters

Song Leader: Jim Killer

Prayers

Brett Walters

Chris Loper

Communion

Podium: William Boley

Serve: Gary Williams

James Chadwick

Jim Killer

John Myers

Scripture Reading

Dennis Whiteside

Sunday P.M.

Prayers

James Chadwick

Jim Killer

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.

Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.

Micah Williams

Prepare Table for Communion

JoAnn Killer

Communion to Shut-Ins

Brent Hottinger

Chris Loper

Greeters

Robert and Juanita Bird

Wednesday Night Devotional

September 14, 2005

Randall Walters

Meeting Times

Sunday Morning Bible Classes

9:45 A.M.

Sunday Morning Worship

10:45 A.M.

Sunday Evening Worship

6:00 P.M.

Ladies Tuesday Bible Class

10:00 A.M.

Wednesday Bible Classes

7:00 P.M.

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Elders:

William Boley 858-7131

Jim Killer 331-2802

Allen Veasman 331-2156

Deacons:

Donny Forehand

Brent Hottinger

Chris Loper

Rex McDaniel

Joe Miller

Nursery Attendants:

Sunday Class: Carin Chance

Sonia Williams

Sunday Service: Cara Williams

Wednesday Class: Marilyn Veasman

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